

neacquarters, Joint Task Force SEVEN APO 437, San Francisco, California 16 April 1958

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Operation Order 6-58 (YUCCA Event)

1. SITUATION

- a. Information and instructions contained herein supplement the JTF SEVEN Operation Order 1-58, dated 1 October 1957, with changes
- b. YUCCA will be launched from the USS BOXER by balloon about 1100 hours on 26 April. Detonation is planned to occur at 261400M April. The planned point of detonation is 120 171 3A" N - 1630 211 E.
- c. Ships or personnel will not be evacuated from BIKINI or ENIWETCX

2. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

a. TG 7.1

In coordination with other units of JTF SEVEN, supervise the launching and detonation of YUCCA on 26 April in accordance with paragraph 1 of Annex B to JTF SEVEN Operation Order 1-58. Specific authority to arm, launch and detonate the device will be obtained from CJTT SEVEN.

b. TG 7.3

- (1) In coordination with Task Groups 7.1 and 7.4, position the USS BOXER for the YUCCA event.
- (2) Commencing D-2 ensure that the surface area as delineated below is clear of all surface units at H-hour, other than those of JTF SEVEN:

The area enclosed by a circle with a 140 mile radius the center of which is located at 12° North, 164° East.

Final surveillance report will be submitted to CJTF SEVEN at H minus 4 hours.

TG 7.4

- (1) Ensure that participating aircraft are in position by H minus 4 minutes. CJTF SEVEN will be notified at any time that participating aircraft will not be in position to accomplish their assigned mission at H-hour.
- Suspend airlift flights between ENIWETOK and BIKINI beginning H minus 1 hours. Resume flights beginning H plus 30 minutes.
- (3) Be prepared to follow the balloon and device with suitable aircraft in the event of a failure to fire and subsequent failure of the "cutdown" equipment to function properly.

3. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

JTF 076 25 0140 a. Due to the flash blindness hazard associated with YUCCA, the hazardous area encompasses the entire EPG. Accordingly, musters will be held. All personnel within viewing distance of the detonation who are not supplied with protective goggles will turn away from the detonation point and close their eyes during the time of burst. At least ten seconds should be allowed before looking directly at the burst. Muster status reports will be submitted at 0800M I-Day, and final reports will be submitted by 1600M DeBay.

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- b. The JTF SEVEN CHECK LIST BIKINI AND ENIMETOK EVENTS dated 29 March 1958, is changed as follows for YUCCA Event:
 - (1) Delete the following items: 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, and 43.
 - (2) Change following items to read as indicated below:

ITEM	DAY	HOUR	EVENT	JTF SEVEN ACTION
8.	Same	2000		
9.	Same	f	he predicted air and sur- ace radexes for period H-3 rs to H+1 minute.	Same
10.	D-Day		re-shot muster of all TF ersonnel.	Same
13.		Inch-1 hour (about)	Same	Same
14.	D-Da y	Inch H-30min (about)	Arming team arms device	Same
15.	D-Day	1000 (about)	Same	Same
20.	D-Day	Same	Same	Same
21.	D-Day	1000	Sane	Same
22.	Same	H-15 min	Same	Same
23.	Same	1000	Same	Same
24.		H-5 hrs (about)	Same	Same
24a.	D-Day	F-32hrs	CTG 7.1 obtain permission from CJTF-7 to launch YUCCA.	Determine time of launch.
26a.	D-Da y	Lnch-10 min	Radio silence imposed on BOXER	
266.	D-Da y	H-3 hrs (about)	YUCCA is launched	Determine time of launching
41.	Sime	H+30 min	Same	Same

4. COMMAND

- a. Command of the operation will be exercised by CJTF SEVEN from aboard the USS BOXER commencing at a time to be announced. Normal administrative and operational traffic will continue to be addressed to JTF SEVEN Headquarters at ELMER Island.
- b. Command post of CTG 7.1 USS BOXER.
- c. Command post of CTG 7.5 ELMER Island.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The frequencies authorized for use during YUCCA are listed in Annex $A_{\rm s}$ attached hereto.
- b. The time-count-down will be provided as outlined in Annex "B", attached.

- c. General instructions contained in paragraph 7b, part 4 of Annex "I" to JTF SEVEN Operation Order 1-58 applies.
- d. The radio silence period for YUCCA is from H-3 to H+2 minutes. All frequencies and communication systems not listed in Annex A will be shut down during this radio silence period.
- e. In addition to the radio silence in paragraph 4c, the USS BOXER will observe radio silence on all communications—electronics equipment from launch mimus ten (10) minutes to launch plus five (5) minutes. Aircraft radars will be shut down during this radio silence period.

ANNEXES:

Annex A-Frequency Plan, YUCCA Event Annex B-Time-Count-Down, YUCCA Event A. R. LUEDECKE Major General, USAF Commander

DISTRIBUTION:

CTG 7.1 (25) CTG 7.2 (5) CTG 7.3 (40) CTG 7.4 (10) CTG 7.5 (10)

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ANNEX A to CJTF SEVEN Operation Order \$-58 (YUCCA Event)

FREQUENCY PLAN - YUCCA Event

a. The following circuits and frequencies are authorized to operate during the "Radio Silence" period from H-3 minutes to H2 minutes for YUCCA Event:

J	FREQUENCY	PROJ OR TG	TX LOCATION	REMARKS	
J-101	906 MC 952 MC	TG 7.5 TG 7.5	NAN ELMER	TROPO SYSTE	
J+130.1	1-25 MC	6.9	WAKE & KUSAIE	Ionospheric sounding Ionospheric sounding	
J-130.2	1-25 MC	6.10	FRED & C-97		
J-130.3	11.655 MC 32.5 MC 139.32 MC 370.0 MC 780.0 MC	6 . 11	WOTHO	somaring	
J-133.3	153.89 MC	TG 7.1	NAN & ELMER	Time-count- down	
J-151.1	42.138 MC	1.10	BOXER	Command to Balloon	
J-151.2	250.0-259.0 MC	1.10	BALLOON	Telemeter RX-BOXER	
J-152	995 MC 1058 MC	8,5 8,5	NAN ACFT	TACAN TACAN	
J-158	9375 MC	8.5 6.10	P2V C-97		
J-174	153.89 MC	TU-5	NAN & ELMER	Time-count-	
	243.0 MC	TU-5	BOXER	Time-count- down	
J-175	2624 KC 2480 KC	34.2	BOXER	SANDIA	
J-182	9310 MC 9375 MG	TG 7.4 TG 7.4	B-36 BALLOON	E-4 System BEACON	
J-186	226.5 MC 232.5 MC	SANDIA	BALLOON	Telemetry	
J-189.1	1724 KC 6205 KC	9.2 9.2	BALLOON BALLOON	Telemetry Telemetry	
J-189.2	6700.5 KC	9.2	BOXER	COMMAND	
J-1%	9317 MC ± 87 MC 9317 MC ± 87 MC 9317 MC ± 87 MC	6.6 6.6 6.6	FRED RONGELAP KWAJALEIN		
J-232	1895 MC 1855 MC	TG 7.2 TG 7.5	FRED, DAVID EIMER	Microwave	

"J"	FREQUENCY	PROJ OR TG	TX LOCATION	REMARKS	
J-315	300.5 MC 322.5 MC	TG 7.5 TG 7.3	NAN BOXER	AN/TRC-CIPHO AN/TRC-CIPHO	
J-324	243.0 MC 153.89 MC	TU-5 TU-5	BOXER NAN & ELMER	Count-down Count-down	
J-328	304.5 MC 326.5 MC	TG 7.5 TG 7.3	NAN BOXER	AN/TRC=24 AN/TRC=24	
J-420.4 J-420.5 J-420.6	352 KC 308 KC 330 KC	TG 7.4 TG 7.4 TG 7.4	Kapingamarangi Kusaie Uterik		
J-446.2	243.0 MC 2800 MC 2600 MC 9090 MC 9090 MC	TG 7.4 6.5 6.5 6.5 6.5	WEATHER ISLANDS FRED RONGELAP FRED RONGELAP		
b. The the silent	b. The following circuits and frequencies are authorized to operate during the "silent period" only in case of emergency or urgent necessity:				
J-115	52.1	TG 7.5	Boat Pool ELMER-NAN		
J- 159	143.10 MC 149.40 MC	TU-3	Air/Ground		
J-221	41.9, 43.5 MC	TG 7.2, 7.5	Military Police		
J-301	277.8 MC 6445 KC 2744 KC 5475 KC	TG 7.3	Tactical		
J-303	4062 KC 9117.5 KC	TG 7.3	Ship-Shore		
J-304	4345 KC 7550 KC 9328 KC	TG 7.3	RATT Bdcst		

All

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TG 7.3

TG 7.5, 7.3

Distress

Distress

Acft Control & Report

Boats in distress

Search & Rescue

J-309

J-310

J-311

J-319A

J-326

500 KC

3023.5 KC

121.5 MC 243.0 MC

5725.5 KC 9009.5 KC

<u>#J#</u>	FREQUENCY	PROJ OR TG	TX LOCATION	REMARKS
J-412	173.575 MC	TG 7.4	Fire-Crash	
J-417	236.6, 257.0 275.8, 243.0 126.18, 121.5		Emergencies only	
J-428	310.6 MC 320.2 MC 355.4 MC 369.8 MC 373.8 MC 387.4 MC	TG 7.4, 7.3	Air Control	
J-432	165.125 MC	TG 7.4	Main Expediter	
J-439	3247.5 KC 5145.0 KC 9062.5 KC 3340.0 KC 5227.0 KC 6780.0 KC 9270.0 KC	TG 7.4	FRED	Microbaro- graph read- ings at H+2
J-441	3067 KC 4765 KC 5703 KC	TG 7.4, 7.3	Air Control	
J-445	236.6 MC 243.0 MC 363.8 MC	TG 7.4	Acft in distress	

c. Circuits and frequencies not specifically designated in paragraphs a or b will not be used during the "silent period". Where transmitters may be keyed accidentally, action will be taken to disable the transmitters during the "silent period".

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Annex B to Joint Task Force SEVEN OpnO 6-58 (YUCCA Event) TIME-COUNT-DOWN

- 1. Due to the fact the USS BOXER will be beyond acceptable VHF/UHF communications range for relay of the time-count-down to Station 70 NAN, or the EG&G Control Room ELMER, the time-count-down for the YUCCA event will be provided as follows:
- a. Prior to H-1 hour EG&G aboard the USS BOXER will synchronize a time hack with EG&G at ELMER using the voice channel on the Ship-Shore sideband circuit. Based on this time hack, EG&G in the Control Room on ELMER will activate the count-down precisely at H-1 hour.
- b. At H-1 hour EG&G aboard the USS BOXER will broadcast the time-count-down on 243 mcs. (This will be the only broadcast on 243 mcs, since rebroadcast from either ELMER or NAN will cause garbled reception in aircraft at altitude).
- g. The EG&G at ELMER will broadcast the time-count-down on 153.89 mcs for use in the ENIWETOK ATOLL. In addition, EG&G will provide the count-down at the proper level to TG 7.5 on ELMER for dissemination over appropriate public address systems on ELMER, and for relay of the count-down to BIKINI, and to FRED.
- $\underline{\textbf{d.}}$ At FRED, TG 7.2 will disseminate the count-down over appropriate public address systems.
- g. At BIKINI TG 7.5 will pass the count-down to EG&G at Station 70 for broadcast on 153.89 mcs and will disseminate the count-down on NAN as required over wire systems.
- 2. Aircraft in the vicinity of ENIWETOK OR BIKINI ATOLLS at altitude will receive the count-down on 243 mcs from the USS BOXER. For TG 7.3 ships and boats in the vicinity of ENIWETOK AND BIKINI ATOLLS who cannot receive the count-down on 153.39 mcs because of lack of receiver facilities, TG 7.3 will be responsible for arranging for special dissemination of the count-down to 7.3 ships and boats for this particular event.

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